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Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No.: SEMT116060

Application No.: 09/429,446 Group Art Unit: 1742

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Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 12, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed June 13, 2003, applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period which expired on September 13, 2003, be extended by three months, to expire on December 13, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth below and reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow.

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